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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A separator for a fuel cell, comprising a base material in the form of a flat plate having a plurality of parallel grooves at one or both sides thereof, and having a film comprising a conductive powder and a binder on the a surface of the base material, wherein the film has a water-holdability of 0.3 to 5.0 g per g of the film, and a thickness of 0.5 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

2. (withdrawn) A separator for a fuel cell, comprising a base material in the form of a flat plate having a plurality of parallel grooves at one or both sides thereof, and having a film comprising a conductive powder and a binder on the a surface of the base material,, wherein the film has a pore volume of 0.5 to 0.9 cc per cc of the film, and a thickness of 0.5 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

3. (original) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 1, wherein the conductive powder has an average particle diameter of 10 nm to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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4. (withdrawn) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 2, wherein the conductive powder has an average particle diameter of 10 nm to 100  $\mu$ m.

5. (original) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 1, wherein the conductive powder is a carbon powder.

6. (withdrawn) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 2, wherein the conductive powder is a carbon powder.

7. (original) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 1, wherein the binder is selected from the group consisting of a thermosetting resin, a thermoplastic resin and a rubber.

8. (withdrawn) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 2, wherein the binder is selected from the group consisting of a thermosetting resin, a thermoplastic resin and a rubber.

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9. (new) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 1, wherein the film has a water-holdability of 0.3 to 3.0 g per g of the film.

10. (new) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 3, wherein the film has a water-holdability of 0.3 to 3.0 g per g of the film.

11. (new) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 5, wherein the film has a water-holdability of 0.3 to 3.0 g per g of the film.

12. (new) The separator for a fuel cell of claim 7, wherein the film has a water-holdability of 0.3 to 3.0 g per g of the film.

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